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## **Digital Lab 3D Printing**

#### **STEP ONE: SET UP**

- 1. Make sure the extruders and bed are clean before calibration. Have whoever is working in The Hub, and knows how to 3D print, clean the extruders for you. **DO NOT TOUCH THE RED WIRES OR THE PRINTER WILL SHUT DOWN.**
- 2. To **Calibrate** the printer go to **UTILITIES>CALIBRATE>YES**. All the numbers must be near each other in order to work. The **X axis** is located in the **upper left**, the **Y axis** is the **upper right**, and the **Z axis** is located in the **back**. To calibrate correctly, turn the gears to the **RIGHT** to go **UP**, and the **LEFT** to go **DOWN**. Have whoever is working in The Hub assist with this step if you are unsure.

#### **STEP TWO: PRINTING**

- 1. Download an image from <a href="www.thingiverse.com">www.thingiverse.com</a> OR upload one, if you already have it picked out, and save it to the desktop. The image must be an STL file in order to print.
- 2. Open the XYZ software and IMPORT the STL file. You can resize and move the image around.
- 3. To glue the bed down where your object will be printed, go to **UTILITIES>JOG MODE>Z AXIS** and **click** the **down arrow** until the bed is low enough to glue. Also glue down where the test strip will go depending on what color you chose to use. **Left side for the left extruder; Right side for the right extruder.**
- 4. Click the **Print** icon. Make sure the following settings are in place: daVinci 2.0 ABS Good auto repair. The extruders and bed will take a minute to heat up.
- 5. Let the printer cool down before removing your object.

### STEP THREE: CLEAN UP

- 1. Once the printer has cooled down and the object has been removed, placed a damp paper towel on the bed for about 5-10 minutes, and wipe the glue off. Wipe once more with a dry paper towel.
- 2. Clean the extruders for the next person by going to **UTILITIES**>**CLEAN NOZZEL**. Use the wire toothbrush to clean the extruders, like in the beginning. Be sure **NOT TO TOUCH THE RED WIRES** connecting the extruders, the printer will shut down.
- 3. Log out of the computer and turn off printer when you are finished.